

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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**REMARKS**

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 25, 2005. In view of the following amendments and discussion, the Applicants believe that all claims are in allowable form.

**CLAIM OBJECTIONS****Claims 17-20**

Claim 17 stands objected due to the informalities and claims 18-20 objected to as being dependent upon an objected base claim. In response, the Applicants have amended claim 17 by replacing the term "compounds" in line 3 and line 6 with the term "compound", and the phrase "compounds are" in line 5 with the phrase "compound is" as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the objection of claims be withdrawn.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS****35 U.S.C. §103      Claims 12, 14 and 15**

Claims 12, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,864,172 issued January 26, 1999, to *Kapoor, et al.* (hereinafter referred to as *Kapoor*) in view of United States Patent No. 5,324,539 issued June 28, 1994, to *Maeda, et al.* (hereinafter referred to as *Maeda*). In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 12, 14 and 15 without prejudice to obviate the rejection. The Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to further prosecute the cancelled subject matter.

**35 U.S.C. §103      Claim 13**

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kapoor* in view of *Maeda* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,780,499 issued August 24, 1994, to *Gates, et al.* (hereinafter referred to as *Gates*). In response, the Applicants have cancelled claim 13 without prejudice to obviate the rejection. The Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to further prosecute the cancelled subject matter.

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**35 U.S.C. §103 Claim 16**

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kapoor* in view of *Maeda* and further in view of Japanese Patent No. 1025636 issued to *Sony*. In response, the Applicants have cancelled claim 16 without prejudice to obviate the rejection. The Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to further prosecute the cancelled subject matter.

**ALLOWED CLAIMS**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1, 5 and 7-11. The Applicants additionally thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 17-20 if amended to address the objection discussed above. In response, the Applicants have amended claim 17 as suggested by the Examiner.


**CONCLUSION**

Thus, the Applicants submit that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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